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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) A method of transporting bifurcated voice and signaling data over a network, comprising the steps of:

identifying at a subscriber device, for each communication link to be established, respective signaling data and voice data; and

transmitting from the subscriber device said signaling data via a first network and said voice data via a second network, wherein the first network is different from the second network.

- 2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said first network is a wireless network.
- (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said second network is a data packet network.
- (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of: communicating said signaling data to a switch.
- (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 communicating said voice data to a switch.
- 6. **(Original)** The method of claim 3, wherein said voice data is subject to compression processing compatible with a wireless network.
- 7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4, wherein said step of communicating is made via a base station system.

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- 8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein said step of communicating is made via a means adapted to perform packet to circuit switched conversion and vice versa.
- (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said steps of identifying and transmitting are performed via a Media Terminal Adapter-Cellular Transceiver (MTA-CT) having integrated MTA and CT portions.
- 10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said steps of identifying and transmitting are performed via a Media Terminal Adapter-Cellular Transceiver (MTA-CT) having non-integrated MTA and CT portions.
- 11. (Previously Presented) In a communication system for transporting bifurcated voice and signaling traffic over a network, a method comprising the steps of:

segregating at a subscriber device signaling traffic and related voice traffic including information useful in establishing a communications link for transporting said voice traffic between a calling party and a called party; and

transmitting from the subscriber device said voice traffic via said communications link established by a controller, said voice traffic and said signaling traffic being carried via different communication networks.

- 12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein one of said communication networks is a data packet network.
- 13. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein said voice traffic is carried by said data packet network.
- 14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein said voice traffic is subject to compression processing compatible with a wireless network.

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- 15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein one of said communication networks is a wireless network
- 16. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein said signaling traffic is carried by said wireless network.
- 17. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein said controller is a switch.
- 18. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein said signaling traffic is transmitted to said controller via a base station system.
- 19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein said voice traffic is communicated to said controller via a means adapted to perform packet to circuit switched conversion and vice versa.
- 20. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein said steps of segregating and transmitting are performed via a Media Terminal Adapter-Cellular Transceiver (MTA-CT) having integrated MTA and CT portions.
- 21. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein said steps of segregating and transmitting are performed via a Media Terminal Adapter-Cellular Transceiver (MTA-CT) having non-integrated MTA and CT portions.
- 22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 further comprising the step of: switching the voice traffic to the same communication network as the signaling traffic when loss of local power is detected.

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23. (Previously Presented) In a communication system for transporting bifurcated voice and signaling traffic between a calling party and called party, a method comprising the steps of:

identifying at a subscriber device a call request;

establishing a signaling link from the subscriber device to a switch via a first transport network and

establishing a voice path from the subscriber device to said switch via a second transport network responsive to a determination that said called party answers, said first transport network being different from said second transport network.

- 24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein said first network is a wireless network.
- 25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 24, wherein signaling traffic is transmitted over said wireless network.
- 26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein said second network is a data packet network.
- 27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, wherein voice traffic is communicated over said data packet network.
- 28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein said voice traffic is subject to compression processing compatible with a wireless network.
- 29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23 further comprising the step of: switching the voice traffic to the same network as the signaling traffic when loss of local power is detected.

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- 30. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein said steps of identifying and said first and second steps of establishing are performed via a Media Terminal Adapter-Cellular Transceiver (MTA-CT) having integrated MTA and CT portions.
- 31. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein said steps of identifying and said first and second steps of establishing are performed via a Media Terminal Adapter-Cellular Transceiver (MTA-CT) having non-integrated MTA and CT portions.
- 32. (Currently Amended) A communications system, comprising:

a subscriber device for providing blfurcated voice and signaling traffic over a network, wherein said subscriber device comprises a Media Terminal Adapter (MTA) portion and a Cellular Transceiver (CT) portion; and

means for converting data packets to circuit switched traffic and vice versa.

- 33. (Currently Amended) The communications system of claim 32, wherein said device is a Media Terminal Adapter-Cellular Transceiver (MTA-CT), wherein the MTA portion and the CT portion are having non-integrated MTA and CT pertions.
- 34. **(Currently Amended)** The communications system of claim 32, wherein said device is a Media Terminal Adapter-Cellular Transceiver (MTA-CT), wherein the MTA portion and the CT portion are having integrated MTA and CT-portions.
- 35. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium storing a software program, that when executed by a computer, causes the computer to perform a method comprising:

segregating at a subscriber device_signaling traffic and related voice traffic including information useful in establishing a communications link for transporting said voice traffic between a calling party and called party; and

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transmitting from the subscriber device said voice traffic via said communications link established by a controller, said voice traffic and said signaling traffic being carried via different communication networks.

- 36. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 35, wherein said controller is a switch.
- 37. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 35, wherein said signaling traffic is communicated via a wireless network.
- 38. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 35, wherein said voice traffic is communicated via a data packet network.
- 39. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 38, wherein said voice traffic is subject to compression processing compatible with a wireless network.